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The 1st Annual Nashville Japanese Film Festival Launches Friday, April 4!

Inaugural 3-Day Event Spotlights 9 Japanese-Made Films and Other Special Events to Be Held at Nashville's Watkins College of Art, Design & Film

Nashville, TN – The countdown is on to the 1st Annual Nashville Japanese Film Festival! Taking place Friday through Sunday, April 4 – 6, 2014, at Nashville's Watkins College of Art, Design & Film theatre, the event marks an exciting new addition to Nashville's arts landscape, showcasing the rich style and diversity that have made Japanese cinema popular worldwide.

From comedy to drama, anime to documentary, the inaugural 3-day festival will spotlight 9 Japanese-made films, including legendary director Akira Kurosawa's "Dreams" (4/4); the uplifting "What the Snow Brings" (4/5); and the award-winning "Noriko's Dinner Table" (the follow-up to the cult favorite "Suicide Club") (4/6).

The line-up will also feature 3 FREE film screenings: the anime tale "Brave Story" and the hilarious, live-action "Robot-G," both on Saturday, followed by "Always – Sunset on Third Street – 3" on Sunday.

Special events include an exclusive, limited-ticket opening-night reception with Japan's Consul-General Motohiko Kato (4/4) and a seminar on Japanese cinema featuring Watkins professor Scott Hallgren, together with the fun of an optional dress-up day (both on 4/5).

Food trucks will be on hand during the lunch and dinner hours on Saturday and Sunday.

Tickets are available at the door or at www.NashvilleJapaneseFilmFestival.org. Each film (except the 3 free screenings) is \$10 admission. Moviegoers can also opt for a 3-movie pass for \$25 or an all-film pass for \$50.

A full film schedule accompanies this release, and additional festival information can be found online at www.NashvilleJapaneseFilmFestival.org.

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About the Nashville Japanese Film Festival

Established in 2014, the mission of NJaFF is to celebrate all aspects of Japanese culture, as experienced through the medium of film. A non-profit Tennessee corporation set up for the benefit of the public, the Nashville Japanese Film Festival is an official event of the Nashville Cherry Blossom season recognized by the Consulate-General of Japan at Nashville.

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2014 Schedule

Festival Location:

Watkins College of Art, Design & Film
2298 Rosa L Parks Blvd, Nashville, TN 37228

Located in Metro Center [across from the Looby] with plenty of free parking in the campus lot!!!

Friday – April 4

6:00-7:00 – Opening Night Reception (ticketed reservations only) – Remarks by Consul-General Motohiko Kato

7:30 – Akira Kurosawa’s “Dreams” (1 hr 59 min) PG

Saturday – April 5 – Dress Up Day (Optional)

***10:00 – “Brave Story” – anime (1 hr 52 min) G**

1:00 – 2:00 – Special Presentation on Japanese Cinema featuring Watkins professor, Scott Hallgren (free with movie pass, including multi-screening pass)

2:00 – “What the Snow Brings” (1 hr 52 min) N/R

***5:30 – “Robot-G” (1 hr 51 min) N/R**

7:45 – “Legend of the Millennium Dragon” (1 hrs 40 min) PG-13

Sunday – April 6

***10:00 – “Always – Sunset on Third Street – 3” (2 hrs 22 min) PG**

1:00 – “Hafu” documentary (1 hour 26 min) N/R

3:00 – “13 Assassins” (2 hrs 21 min) R

6:30 – “Noriko’s Dinner Table” (2 hr 39 min) N/R

*** Films marked with an asterisk are courtesy of The Japan Foundation and the Consulate-General of Japan at Nashville and are free to the public.**